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UM'S ANNUAL BUGBEE LECTURE FEATURES HARVARD PROFESSOR MISSOULA--

Hilary Putnam, Harvard's Cogan University Professor Emeritus, will present the 14th annual Henry Bugbee Lecture at the next installment of the President's Lecture Series at The University of Montana.

"The Relevance of Philosophy to Life," will begin at 8 p.m. Monday, March 25, in the University Theatre. Earlier that day, from 3:10 to 4:30 p.m., Putnam will present a faculty seminar, "The Fact/Value Dichotomy," in Gallagher Building Room 123. Both events are free and open to the public.

Although historians have called a particular period in history The Enlightenment, Putnam suggests that we allow ourselves a broader conception so we can see that there have been a number of "enlightenments."

"There is genuine progress in our moral conceptions as a result of the successive enlightenments that have taken place," Putnam said.

Putnam received a doctoral degree in philosophy from the University of California, Los Angeles, in 1951. He taught at Northwestern University and Princeton and was professor of the philosophy of science at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology before joining the

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Harvard faculty. He has written extensively on the philosophies of mathematics, natural science, language and the mind. He is the author of a number of books, including "Renewing Philosophy" and "Pragmatism: An Open Question." Many of his papers have been collected in "Realism with a Human Face" and "Words and Life."

The UM Department of Philosophy established the Bugbee Lecture in 1989 to honor Professor Emeritus Henry G. Bugbee, who first joined UM's philosophy department in 1957 and twice served as department chair during his 20 years at the University. Bugbee died in December 1999.

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